

DOUBLE FAILURE OF FIVE BANKS BLAMED ON STATE

Depositors Ask Why Banking
Department Allowed
Doors to Reopen.

NOT CHENEY'S DOING.

Cause of Crippled Institutions
Was Pleaded Before
Clark Williams.

Since the closing last Tuesday of the Northern Bank, a reorganization of the old Hamilton Bank, which went down in the panic of 1907, there has been considerable talk in the financial district as to why the State Banking Department ever permitted the institution to reopen its doors.

Thousands of citizens were attracted by the bold advertising methods of Joseph G. Robin in getting new accounts. These new depositors did not know of the bank's inheritance of bad securities from the Thomas-Henry-Morse regime, and they now blame the Banking Department.

Nor are the depositors of the Northern Bank alone in their plight. Four other institutions that failed in 1907 were permitted to resume business upon what subsequently proved to be an altogether unsatisfactory financial basis.

The Five Which Failed Twice.

The five banks which have been forced to fail twice are as follows:

Bank	First Closing	Second Closing	Reopened
Hamilton Bank	Oct. 25, 1907	Dec. 27, 1907	Jan. 1, 1908
Bank of America	Oct. 25, 1907	Dec. 27, 1907	Jan. 1, 1908
Bank of New York	Oct. 25, 1907	Dec. 27, 1907	Jan. 1, 1908
Bank of the City	Oct. 25, 1907	Dec. 27, 1907	Jan. 1, 1908
Bank of the State	Oct. 25, 1907	Dec. 27, 1907	Jan. 1, 1908

These five institutions did not get permission to reopen from the present head of the Banking Department, Orin H. Cheney, but from his predecessor, Clark Williams, State Comptroller.

Many Depositors Got Out.

Mr. Williams permitted these banks to resume after hearing the cause of each institution pleaded by able lawyers hired by the principal directors, and strongly seconded by petitions from the then depositors. But many of these early depositors after the resumption withdrew their money, and the brunt of the second closing appears to have fallen upon an entirely new class of depositors, who now blame the Banking Department for permitting the failed banks to reopen.

LOOK OUT FOR MAYOR SHANK

Performs Marriage Ceremony for
Nephew and Wives Him.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—Before a public assembly that included many city officials, Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank yesterday married his nephew, Charles Everett Hall, and Miss Valerina Hesse in the new municipal building, dedicated a week ago, and took the opportunity to deliver a homily on matrimony.

"I want you to understand," said the mayor, addressing the bride and bridegroom, "that you are entering into a contract that is not to be broken. I would rather not marry you, I want you to do so with the knowledge that you would have the same trouble some folks do. You are not to be a man of yourself, and if I ever hear of your going wrong, I am going to get right after you."

Why They Endure It.

"Most of the unhappiness suffered by divorced women is endured because they and their children are dependent on men," Mrs. Dorr replied. "A woman endures infidelity and abuse only because if she resented these things her children might starve."

"Often we hear the question: 'Why do people on the verge of the poor-house have such large families?' I know that many women would prefer not to have more children than they can support, but being dependent on a man for their bread, they are in no position to choose conditions of child-bearing."

"Any way we look at it, the economic dependence of women and children seems a mistake. A man commits a crime. Who suffers most when he goes to jail?"

"A man is killed or injured in industry. His family is plunged into instant want."

"A panic throws hundreds of thousands of men out of employment. The community at large has hundreds of thousands of women and children on its hands."

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Insurance an Alternative.

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Great Increase in Divorces Obtained by Women Most Important Social Fact Since Slavery Ended

Most Important Political Fact Women Have Ever Known,
Asserts Mrs. Rheta Childe Dorr, Is Growth of
Women's Suffrage Movement.

Third Most Important Fact of the Century Is the Increasing Number of Women in Industry, Influencing All Modern Civilization.

BY NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH.

Santa Claus having solved more or less to the satisfaction of his complacent old gentlemanly soul what forty million women want, the appearance of a book with the categorical title, "What Eight Million Women Want," may seem less grateful than seasonable.

Rheta Childe Dorr's new book, which bears this uncompromising title, takes its name from the fact that the International Council of Women, which numbers eight million more or less fermenting souls, has set itself on record as favoring the following reforms: Peace and arbitration.

Social purity.
Public health.
Woman suffrage.

The removal of all legal disabilities from women.

"What Eight Million Women Want" is a brilliant, lucid and remarkably sane and reasoned plea for the accomplishment of those reforms in which the awakened women of to-day are interested.

Mrs. Dorr is but one of many who believe that the time is out of joint, but, unlike Hamlet, she does not add "Oh cursed spite, that ever I was born to set it right."

"I believe I was born to stir things up," she declared to me yesterday when I saw her in her home, at No. 331 East Thirty-first street. And Mrs. Dorr's appearance, her big black eyes, classically shaped head and slender body, which seems a dynamo of restless energy, bore out her words.

Three Great "Facts."

"The three most important facts of the twentieth century," the spokeswoman of 4,000,000 women continued, "are the increasing number of women in industry; the increasing number of divorces; and the increasing demand for woman suffrage. Nine millions is a conservative guess at the number of women in the United States who earn their own living."

Between the years 1890 and 1900 the number of women working outside the home increased faster than the birth rate. So much for the first fact.

"Within the past twenty years 954,000 divorces have been granted in the United States—two-thirds of them to women. This means that in face of the anathemas of the church, in the face of tradition and prejudice, accepting, in the great majority of cases, the responsibility of earning their own living, more than 600,000 women have repudiated the burdens of uncooperative marriage."

"This is the most important social fact since the slavery question was settled."

"The most important political fact the modern world has ever faced is the movement to grant women political equality with men, which is gaining strength in every constitutional country in the world."

These are the three facts which give to whatever woman wants a new importance. The prevalence of divorce shows that women are no longer satisfied with the existing conditions of marriage, and the number of divorces, great as it is, by no means indicates the number of women who are unhappy. Many women still endure unhappiness to the end."

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contemplating marriage will invest in an insurance against her loss of time during the child-bearing period, just as any of us buy accident insurance.

"This may be State insurance. It may develop in lodges, labor unions or other fraternal orders."

"In any case, can you see how it would work? A young woman is about to become a mother. The insurance office is notified, and the woman retires from her wage earning, receiving weekly from the company the equivalent of her wages. She stays at home until her child is weaned. Then the well-to-do woman will leave her baby with a good nurse and return to her professional or business life. She does this now, without the excuse of productive work."

"The industrial woman will have to put up with the collective nurse—the creche."

But what will be the effect on the husband and father? "Won't he be turned into a drone?" "Some husbands will," Mrs. Dorr dryly answered. "Some are now. The endless number of deserting husbands under the present system. Do to the Children's Court and listen to the non-support cases. One child in each thirty-five is committed to an institution in New York City, not because the father can't support it, but because he won't."

They put the children away until they are old enough to get their working papers, then they take them out again and set them to work. No," Mrs. Dorr added, "the tendency of the divorce is to make the husband a better husband. That is the tendency of divorce to-day."

"Don't you see men will have to be better?"

And this seemed to me a hopeful message to carry away.



RHETA CHILDE DORR

200 HELLO GIRLS MARRIED DURING HOLIDAYS? NO, NO!

Same Old Joke, Telephone
Company Officials Declare
of Wholesale Wedding Yarn.

If the person who yesterday gave out for publication the annual story that the Christmas-tide service of the New York Telephone Company was seriously hampered because of the sudden marriage of two hundred of its operators will present himself at the Day street offices of the company a dozen officials will have something of great import to say to him.

When an Evening World reporter called on some of the department managers to-day to learn something about the reported resignations of so many experienced "hello" girls, he was met by a succession of stories that broke the moment he inquired if the story was true.

He was shunted from the office of the Vice-President to that of the traffic superintendent and from there to the division manager, who thought the advertising department should make the denial emphatic.

Harrison K. McCann, the advertising manager, grew angry the instant the story of the wholesale marriages was mentioned.

"Every year at Christmas time some newspaper spins this story," he said, "and every year we are kept busy denying it. Our girls do not leave us at Christmas of all times, and the idea of two hundred of them getting married at a whack is nonsense. It is true we are short eight hundred operators now, but that condition has existed for several weeks. Now that the holiday season is about over we will be able to get department help."

"If it were true that two hundred girls left us at once to get married we would indeed be flattered at the desirability of the class we employ."

Every Link of 60,000 Feet Bought by Waldo Exceeds Requirements.

Commissioner Waldo completed to-day the purchase of 60,000 feet of fire hose, of which two-thirds will be used in Manhattan and the other third in Brooklyn and Queens. A new system was used in testing this hose.

Every link was tested to make sure that it was up to its contract requirement of resisting pressure of 600 pounds to the square inch. The average strength of the new hose was found to resist 600 pounds pressure. The date of purchase is marked on a piece of red rubber at the coupling of each link.

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NEW YORK WOMAN THROWN FROM HORSE AND KILLED.

LEWISTOWN, Mont., Dec. 28.—Miss Irene Van Kleeck, thirty years old, of Ithaca, N. Y., one of the best known educators in Montana, was thrown by a fractious horse which she was riding yesterday and almost instantly killed.

Miss Van Kleeck was a graduate of Cornell and formerly secretary to Andrew D. White, former President of Cornell and Ambassador to Russia and Germany. She was at the head of the commercial department of the Lewistown High School.

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U. S. Warships Leave England.

GRAVESEND, England, Dec. 28.—The fourth division of the United States Atlantic fleet sailed to-day to join the other divisions at the entrance to the English Channel. The battleships exchanged the salute with the British warships as they passed down the Thames.

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BLACK HAND BOMB TO MURDER THREE WRECKS TENEMENT

Victim Refused to Pay \$2,000
Blackmail After Many
Death Threats.

FLYNN'S MEN NEAR BY.

Fire and Panic Follow Explosion in East Thirteenth Street House.

Giordino Sargano, a grocer, regarded as wealthy, refused to pay Black Hand blackmailers \$2,000, and this morning at 1 o'clock an attempt was made to murder him, his bride of two months and his old aunt with a bomb. The explosion completely wrecked their home, on the ground floor of No. 524 East Thirteenth street.

When the bomb was placed at the grocer's door Deputy Police Commissioner Flynn's men were scouting about the neighborhood on the lookout for Black Hand suspects.

Sargano has been receiving Black Hand letters for a year. At first he thought they were intended as a joke. When he realized they meant business he turned them over to the police, but no clue was obtained to the writers.

Two weeks ago Sargano received a letter in which he was told that unless the \$2,000 demanded was paid within two days he and his bride of two months would be murdered and his place of business ruined. This letter was given to the police also.

Thought Reign of Terror Over.

Sargano was inclined to believe that the recent conviction of Black Hand kidnapers in Brooklyn and the raids made on the bandits by Flynn's men and Secret Service agents would end the activities of the Blackhanders for the time being at least.

Sargano's grocery taken up the front part of the ground floor on the west side of the tenement. Sargano and his wife occupy the rear room. The next room is used as a kitchen, while the old aunt, Pretresina Sargano, occupies the room directly behind the grocery.

Across the hall on the opposite side of the ground floor is the saloon of Mattarone Janel. Sixteen families live on the five upper floors.

The explosion was terrific. Gas pipes in every part of the house and in the cellar were broken, and as the panic-stricken tenants fled to the street many of those on the upper floors were almost overcome before they reached the open air.

Covered by Debris.

Sargano and his wife were covered by falling plaster, broken glass and pieces of timber. The grocer dug himself out and then his bride, and the two started to the front of the house. They found the explosion had overturned the kitchen stove and the room was on fire. In the front room Sargano dug his aunt from a heap of debris and carried her to the street.

The door against which the bomb was placed had been blown across the room and was jammed into the wall. Had the bomb been placed in front of the door of the grocer's sleeping room, as evidently was the intention of the Black Handers, Sargano and his bride would have been killed. The rear windows of the Sargano apartments were blown out, carrying wash and shutters with them. The grocery was completely wrecked.

The bomb made a hole three feet square in the floor of the house, and then dug another hole in the cellar floor. The stairs leading from the ground to the first floor were almost torn to pieces, and as the tenants on the upper floors rushed to the street many of them lost their footing on the broken steps and plunged headlong to the landing at the bottom.

Janel's saloon was almost as badly wrecked as the grocery. There was hardly a bottle in the place that was not broken.

When Deputy Flynn heard of the outrage and realized that he and his men were being dodged by the Blackhanders he started out twenty detectives with orders to bring in the bomb thrower if it took weeks to find him.

Took Ladder to Arrest Mary.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Mary Baker, it is alleged, stole \$10 from Harold Taylor in a safe and then fled to the roof. Special Officer Crawford had to borrow a ladder from the "L" road to arrest her.

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Gilbert H. Lamb of the law firm of Osburn & Lamb argued a demurrer today to the indictment in General Sessions against the validity of the indictment recently filed against Edward T. Rosenheimer.

The indictment charges Rosenheimer with violation of the Callan Automobile law in having failed to stop his automobile and give his name and address when he collided with a luxury car on Pelham Parkway, Aug. 18 last, and killed Miss Grace Hough. Rosenheimer was tried and acquitted on the charge of murder growing out of the killing of Miss Hough.

Mr. Lamb contended that the provision of the Callan law under which the indictment was found was unconstitutional inasmuch as it compelled a defendant to give testimony against himself. Assistant District Attorney Johnston opposed this contention. Judge Crain reserved decision.

The Important Problem

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Maryland Dry Pick Turkeys (Roasted and Stuffed) 25c lb. up

Jersey Fresh Hams (Roasted if desired) 18c lb.

Wreck Caused by Black Hand Bomb in East Thirteenth Street House



WRECK OF INTERIOR

Third Body in Mill Ruins.

Workmen clearing away the ruins of the Manhattan Shoddy mill, Eagle street, Greenpoint, which was destroyed by fire Dec. 16, to-day found another body of a man, making three so far discovered. It was believed that the two bodies taken from the ruins yesterday were those of the only persons who had been burned to death, but today's discovery leads to the belief that there may be more victims. The employees who were permitted to sleep in the mill were in the habit of giving refuge to homeless persons, and it is thought that the third victim was one of these.

No. 524 E. 13th St.

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